

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee  
**FROM:** David Stephenson, Utilities Asset Engineer  
**DATE:** 20 October 2009  
**SUBJECT:** **JOINT WASTE ASSESSMENT – NOMINATION OF WORKING GROUP MEMBERS**

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### 1 BACKGROUND

Included within the 2009 Ten Year Plan was a proposal to develop a joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) in association with Nelson City Council.

The Waste Minimisation Act 2008, in a similar way to the Local Government Act, requires a review of waste management plans and allows for joint WMMP's to be prepared by a number of territorial authorities. The Act requires a review of each council's waste management plan by July 2012, and thence every six years.

### 2 PROCESS

Under the Act, the process for the review of a WMMP is to:

- Prepare a waste assessment (as defined by section 51 of the Act),
- Review the existing plan – with the outcome of either
  - continuing the plan without amendment, or
  - amending the existing plan or revoking the plan and substituting another
- Use the special consultative procedure to prepare a new plan or continue with the existing plan unchanged.

### 3 WASTE ASSESSMENT

Section 51 of the Act requires the following information in the waste assessment:

- Description of existing services.
- Forecast of future demands.
- A statement of options to meet forecast demands.
- A statement of the Territorial Authority's role in meeting forecast demands.
- A statement of the Territorial Authority's proposals for meeting forecast demands.
- A statement regarding how these proposals will protect public health and promote effective and efficient waste management and minimisation.

Tasman District and Nelson City Councils have now agreed to engage a consultant, Morrison Low, to prepare a waste assessment (including a desk-top landfill operational review) and to review governance options for future cooperation.

From the waste assessment a series of key issues will arise along with options for consideration. It will be considered beneficial for input to be provided by councillors at the options and issues stage to provide direction in development of the waste assessment.

It is proposed that two Councillors from each Council be nominated for membership of a joint Council working group (made up of staff and Councillors). This working group will provide for ongoing involvement of Councillors in the development of the waste assessment, and would meet regularly, on an informal basis. Reporting to the committee would be via 6-weekly committee staff reports.

Upon completion of a draft waste assessment, the assessment will be considered by both Councils; the various governance options could also be considered at this time.

The waste assessment would then be amended as necessary, and a Memorandum of Understanding created to outline the form and scope of ongoing cooperation. A joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan could then be developed.

#### **4 RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the committee nominate two Councillors as members of a joint Waste Working Group to provide assistance in the development of a joint Nelson City – Tasman District Council Waste Assessment.**

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